

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

an Internet site of a service provider that receives recipient-designated assignments of numeric options to archival devices;

a memory storing the recipient-designated assignments of the numeric options;

a storing device for storing a recorded message for a recipient of the recorded message, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select ~~an action to be performed~~ one of the numeric options as stored in memory for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back and in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection of one of the numeric options from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message in response to the prompt and provide it to the archival device corresponding to the chosen numeric option as stored in memory;

a transcription device, in communication with the storing device, for transcribing the recorded message into a computer file upon the storage device receiving the selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message; ~~and~~

an plurality of archival devices, in communication with the transcription device, for reading the computer file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message upon being chosen via the selection by the recipient of the numeric option; and

a service provider network interconnecting the recipient to the storing device.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the storing device is a voicemail message system.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the storing device is a telephone answering machine.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of

the storing device.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein one of the archival devices is an email.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein one of the archival devices is a printer.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein one of the archival devices is a facsimile machine.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

a voicemail message system for receiving input to create recipient-designated assignments of archival devices to numeric options, for storing a recorded message for a recipient of the recorded message after having created the recipient-designated assignments, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select ~~an action to be performed~~ numeric option for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back and in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection of one of the numeric options from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message in response to the prompt and send the transcribed message to the archival device corresponding to the selected numeric option;

a transcription device operating a transcription software and in communication with the storing device, for transcribing the recorded message into a computer file upon the storage device receiving the selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message; and

~~an~~ plurality of archival devices, in communication with the transcription device, for reading the computer file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message upon being chosen via the selection by the recipient of the numeric option.

9.(Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the voicemail message system.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

a storing device for accessing recipient-designated assignments of numeric options to archival devices, for storing a recorded message for a recipient of the recorded message, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select ~~an action to be performed~~ at least one of the numeric options for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back and in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection of at least one of the numeric options from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message to at least one of multiple different formats in response to the prompt and to sending the transcribed message to a chosen archival device;

a transcription device, in communication with the storing device, for transcribing a recorded message into a text file upon the storage device receiving the selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message;

a converting device for converting the text file to at least one of the different formats that are recognized by different recording devices based on the selection from the recipient; and

a plurality of archival devices having been assigned to the numeric options by the recipient designations, each archival device in communication with the converting device and capable of reading a recognized format of the text file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message upon the numeric option assigned to the archival device being selected by the recipient.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the storing device is a voicemail message system.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the storing device is a telephone answering machine.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the storing device.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the converting device is an integral part of the storing device.

15. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein one of the archival devices is an email.

16. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein one of the archival devices is a printer.

17. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein one of the archival devices is a facsimile machine.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

means for receiving assignments of numeric options to archival means from the recipient;

storing means for storing a recorded message for ~~[[a]]~~ the recipient of the recorded message, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select ~~an action to be performed~~ a numeric option for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back and in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection of the numeric option from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message in response to the prompt;

transcribing means, in communication with the storing means, for transcribing the recorded message into a text file upon the storage device receiving the selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message; and

a plurality of archival means, in communication with the transcribing means, for reading the text file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message upon being chosen via the selection by the recipient of the numeric option.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storing means comprises a voicemail message system.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storing means comprises a telephone answering machine.

21. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the transcribing means is an integral part of the storing means.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein one of the archival means comprises an email.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein one of the archival means comprises a printer.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein one of the archival means comprises a facsimile machine.

25. (Currently Amended) A portable message transcription system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

a storing device for accessing recipient-designated assignments of numeric options to archival devices, for storing a recorded message for a recipient of the recorded message, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select ~~an action to be performed~~ a numeric option for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back and in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection of the numeric option from the recipient

to transcribe the recorded message in response to the prompt and provide the transcribed message to the archival device corresponding to the chosen numeric option;

a transcription device, in communication with the storing device, for transcribing the recorded message upon the storage device receiving the selection of the numeric option from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message;

a converting device, in communication with the transcription device, for converting the transcribed message into a format that is readable by ~~an~~ plurality of archival devices; and

a plurality of ports, each in communication with the converting device and ~~an~~ one of the plurality of archival devices, for allowing output of the converted transcribed message to the archival device that has been chosen via the selection of the numeric option for output or storage thereon.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the storing device.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein one of the archival devices is an email.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein one of the archival devices is a printer.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein one of the archival devices is a facsimile machine.

30. (Currently Amended) A method of transcribing a recorded message, the method comprising:

assigning, by a recipient, a numeric option to each of a plurality of archival devices;

subsequently accessing, by ~~[[a]]~~ the recipient over a service provider network, a storing device storing a recorded message for the recipient to thereby access the recorded message;

listening, by the recipient, to the recorded message; and

in response to accessing and listening to the recorded message, responding, by the recipient, to a prompt for ~~an action for the recorded message~~ numeric option by entering one of the numeric options assigned to one of the archival devices to indicate ~~indicating~~ that the recorded message should be transcribed by the corresponding archival device;

and

~~designating, by the recipient, an archival device to be used to output or store the transcribed message.~~

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the storing system comprises a voicemail message system.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the storing system comprises a telephone answering machine.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of 30, wherein one of the archival devices is an email.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein one of the archival devices comprises a printer.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein one of the archival devices comprises a facsimile machine.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein one of the archival devices comprises a plurality of archival devices of different types.

37. (Currently Amended) A method of transcribing a recorded message on a voicemail message system, the method comprising:

accessing, by a recipient, an Internet site of a service provider;

assigning, by the recipient at the Internet site, a numeric option to each of a plurality of archival devices;

accessing, by ~~[[a]]~~ the recipient of the recorded message, the voicemail system to thereby access the recorded message;

listening, by the recipient, to the recorded message; and

in response to accessing and listening to the recorded message, responding, by the recipient, to a prompt for ~~an action~~ numeric option for the recorded message by entering a numeric option corresponding to one of the archival devices to indicate ~~indicating~~ that the recorded message should be transcribed; ~~and~~

~~designating a plurality of archival devices to be used to output or display the transcribed message.~~

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein one of the archival devices comprises an email.

39. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein one of the archival devices comprises a printer.

40. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein one of the archival devices comprises a Facsimile machine.

41. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein the archival devices are of different types.